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DOCKET NO. E-00000V-15-0094

RE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

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IN THE MATTER OF RESOURCE
PLANNING AND PROCUREMENT IN 2015
AND 2016

DOCKET NO. E-00000V-15-0094

DECISION NO. 75269

Open Meeting
September 8, 2015
Phoenix, Arizona

Arizona Corporation Commission

DOCKETED

SEP 16 2015

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BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On March 20, 2015, Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") opened a docket in the above captioned matter for purposes of receiving compliance filings from electric public service corporations operating as load serving entities ("LSE") under the Commission's Resource Planning and Procurement Rules ("IRP Rules"), A.A.C. R14-2-701 *et seq.*

2. The IRP Rules require various filings be made by LSEs that must then be analyzed by Staff and considered by the Commission for possible acknowledgement. The LSEs variously filed their 2014 historical data on either March 31, 2015 or April 1, 2015.

3. On June 16 and 19, 2015, letters were filed in this docket, as well as the 2013 and 2014 Resource Planning and Procurement docket, E-00000V-13-0070 discussing the pendency of the anticipated final rule in the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") proposed Clean Power Plan Rulemaking and the impact that changes in the final EPA rule would have on planning considerations

1 already under development for the 2015 and 2016 cycle of Resource Planning and Procurement
2 plans.

3 4. On September 3, 2015, a proposed schedule of events required under the IRP Rules
4 was docketed. The proposed timeline is attached as Attachment A. The proposed schedule would
5 extend various time periods set under the IRP Rules to accommodate the added analytical burden of
6 accounting for the EPA final rulemaking. The proposed timeline was considered during the
7 scheduled Staff Meeting held on September 8, 2015. After considering the matter, the Commission
8 finds that it is in the public interest to adopt the proposed timeline to be used for purposes of the
9 efficient processing of the 2015 and 2016 planning cycle of Resource Planning and Procurement.

10 **ORDER**

11 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the proposed timeline for the processing of the 2015 and
12 2016 Resource Planning and Procurement submissions is adopted for the current planning cycle.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other deadlines applicable to the current planning cycle
14 that are not expressly extended by this order shall remain in effect.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.
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BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 16th day of September, 2015.

JODI JERICH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DISSENT: _____

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ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSED INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN TIMELINE

IRP Process Step	Start Date	Due Date	Responsibility
Pre-Filing Workshops (optional)	9/1/2015	3/1/2016	APS/TEP/UNSE/ACC
APS/TEP/UNSE File Preliminary Integrated Resource Plans*	3/1/2016	3/1/2016	APS/TEP/UNSE
Staff Reviews Preliminary Integrated Resource Plans/Opportunities for Stakeholder and Public Review	3/1/2016	7/1/2016	Staff
ACC Holds Workshop(s) on the Preliminary Integrated Resource Plans	3/1/2016	7/31/2016	ACC
ACC Holds Open Meeting to Review APS/TEP/UNSE Preliminary Integrated Resource Plans	8/1/2016	8/31/2016	ACC
APS/TEP/UNSE Provide Updates to their Preliminary Integrated Resource Plans/Scenarios	10/1/2016	10/1/2016	APS/TEP/UNSE
AEPCO Files Preliminary Integrated Resource Plan*	9/1/2016	9/1/2016	AEPCO
Staff Reviews AEPCO's Preliminary Integrated Resource Plan/Opportunities for Stakeholder and Public	9/2/2016	11/30/2016	Staff

PROPOSED INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN TIMELINE

Review			
ACC Holds Open Meeting to Review AEPCO's Preliminary Integrated Resource Plan	12/1/2016	12/31/2016	ACC
LSEs & ACC Hold Pre-Filing Workshop(s) on Final Integrated Resource Plans (optional for AEPCO)	9/1/2016**	11/30/2016	ACC/LSEs
LSEs File Final Integrated Resource Plans	4/3/2017	4/3/2017	LSEs
Staff/Consultant Review Final Integrated Resource Plans/ Opportunities for Stakeholder and Public Review	4/4/2017	9/30/2017	Staff/Consultant
Staff/Consultant Docket ROO	10/1/2017	10/1/2017	Staff/Consultant
ACC Holds Open Meeting to Acknowledge Final Integrated Resource Plans	2/1/2018	2/28/2018	ACC

*Preliminary Resource Plans filed by APS, TEP & UNSE will include the following information: load forecast; sources of assumptions and technologies evaluated; load & resource table (including technology discussion); proposed sensitivities; scenarios requested in previous 2014 IRP decision (discussion – full analysis will be in the final IRP); action plan, including RFPs and associated selection criteria. AEPCO's Preliminary Plan will include: (1) the gap between AEPCO's resource needs and needs available to the cooperative in light of the State Implementation Plan and (2) additional resource options that AEPCO intends to investigate in order to meet its identified resource needs.

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**** At least one ACC-hosted workshop will occur in September 2016.**

NOTE: Other deadlines outlined in the rules and previous IRP decision still apply, including but not limited to the following: LSEs will still be required to make their the April 2016 data filings pursuant to Rule 14-2-703(A)(B); LSEs are still required to submit a report on their load forecast methodologies by October 31, 2015, etc.